

STENT FOR MAINTAINING PATENCY OF A BODY REGION

Abstract of the Invention

5 An apparatus and method for maintaining patency of a vessel or other body region is provided. The apparatus includes an appliance having a non-circumferential form and being effective in maintaining patency or openness, or causing to become patent or open, a body region in which the appliance is located. The appliance may be formed of a
10 flexible metallic struts structured to be submucossally implanted into a wall of the vessel or other body region.